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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Critique of OSA Presentation to the DDS&T Career Development Course

1. After the subject school was completed, the Director and each of the students met with the DDS&T Career Service Board to pass along their evaluation of the course and make any comments they so desired. Most of the comments and criticisms were much the same from all of the students and the following applied to the OSA presentation.

2. In general, OSA was given extremely high marks for their presentation and field trips. They thought we were well organized, knew our subject, were highly motivated and were uniquely "movers". I think we should try to retain this kind of reputation and improve on it in the following ways:

a. The field trip to Edwards North Base was a highlight of the school. They did feel that the course director should coordinate with the Commander of North Base in order to establish the "reason for the visit" and what the students were to get out of the visit. In addition, the rules under which the trip was being conducted should be made very explicit and very firm at the outset. This would apply to such things as making it well understood that cameras would be checked into Base Security at the beginning of the visit and re-issued at the end. Absolutely no photos were to be taken.

b. An agenda should be passed out at the beginning with the names and positions of each of the speakers or any other participants. Also, each speaker should introduce himself at the outset and try to sum up the objectives of his part of

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the program. Speakers should know the background of each student in the class in order to direct comments to him if appropriate. The speaker should also be fully aware of what the class has been exposed to up to date and should know the exact time available for his lecture.

c. During the OXCART presentation, this class got the impression that the political decision to terminate the Project had been made prior to completion. They therefore felt that far too much money was spent after the decision was made, particularly in view of the fact that the Project was actually terminated shortly after it became operational.

d. It was obvious that the interest in maintenance was somewhat less than some of the other aspects of the program. Specifically, they asked that the lecture be somewhat shorter and that "forms" which were shown and discussed at some length be introduced along with the purpose for showing these "forms" or that this part be cut out entirely.

3. Any of those who participated in lecturing to this group should feel completely free to discuss these comments or the briefings to the Panel with me at any time. The comments are not intended to be critical in any manner but are provided as guidance in order to make a good presentation even better.

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